

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 260**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jackson**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Lowenthal, Mullin, Nakano,**  
**Nation, Pavley, and Vargas)**

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An act to add Section 91.6 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 260, as amended, Jackson. State highways: litter control.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation shall have full possession and control of all state highways and associated property. Existing law authorizes the department to enter into an agreement to accept funds or services from any person for maintenance of a section of a state highway, and also requires the department to place signs along state highways indicating the maximum penalty for littering.

This bill would require the department to assign a high priority to litter cleanup along state highway segments adjoining *storm drains*, streams, rivers, beaches, the ocean, and other environmentally sensitive areas, and to report to the Legislature on or before January 20 of each year on its actions in that regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 91.6 is added to the Streets and  
2 Highways Code, to read:

3 91.6. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the  
4 department is devoting insufficient attention to litter cleanup on  
5 state highway rights of way in environmentally sensitive areas,  
6 with resulting degradation of stream, river, beach, and ocean areas  
7 from litter originating from highways. Litter dumped on state  
8 highways finds its way to adjoining lands and bodies of water  
9 through wind and storm runoff. The department's failure to  
10 adequately address this situation sullies California's otherwise  
11 beautiful scenery and is detrimental to California's  
12 critically-important tourist industry.

13 (b) The department shall assign a high priority to litter cleanup  
14 along state highway segments adjoining *storm drains*, streams,  
15 rivers, beaches, the ocean, and other environmentally sensitive  
16 areas.

17 (c) The department shall report to the Legislature on or before  
18 January 20 of each year on its actions pursuant to this section.

